



# SIMPLIFIED RCE/IEE AMENDMENT

## PROJECT/ACTIVITY DATA

<b>Project/Activity Name:</b>	Center of Excellence for Energy
<b>Geographic Location(s)</b> (Country/Region):	Egypt
<b>Amendment</b> (Yes/No), if Yes indicate # (1, 2...):	Yes, Amendment #1
<b>Implementation Start/End Dates</b> (FY or M/D/Y):	FY22 - FY26
<b>If Amended, specify New End Date:</b>	
<b>Solicitation/Contract/Award Number(s):</b>	
<b>Implementing Partner(s):</b>	
<b>Bureau Tracking ID:</b>	ME 22-02
<b>Tracking ID of Related RCE/IEE:</b>	<a href="#">ME 21-24 approved on March 15, 2021</a>
<b>Tracking ID of Other, Related Analyses:</b>	

## ORGANIZATIONAL/ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

<b>Implementing Operating Unit(s):</b> (e.g. Mission or Bureau or Office)	USAID/Egypt
<b>Lead BEO Bureau:</b>	Middle East
<b>Funding Operating Unit(s):</b> (e.g. Mission or Bureau or Office)	USAID/Egypt
<b>Funding Account(s)</b> (if available):	
<b>Original Funding Amount:</b>	\$20,000,000
<b>If Amended, specify funding amount:</b>	\$2,416,258 (Approval for TEC increase in process)
<b>If Amended, specify new funding total:</b>	\$22,416,258.
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<b>Date Prepared:</b>	October 24, 2021

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REVIEW DATA

<b>Analysis Type:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial Environmental Examination Amendment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Request for Categorical Exclusion Amendment
<b>Environmental Determination(s):</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exclusion(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Positive <input type="checkbox"/> Deferred (per 22 CFR 216.3(a)(7)(iv))
<b>IEE Expiration Date</b> (if applicable):	
<b>Additional Analyses/Reporting Required:</b>	N/A
<b>Climate Risks Identified (#):</b>	Refer to original IEE
<b>Climate Risks Addressed (#):</b>	Refer to original IEE

## 1.0 PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT

The purpose of this amendment is to increase the TEA of the Center of Excellence for Energy from \$20,000,000 to \$22,416,258.

## 2.0 OVERVIEW OF WORK TO DATE

The Center of Excellence (COE) for Energy activity was designed by USAID and the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MOHESR) to support Egypt's economic development by establishing "partnerships for human and institutional capacity building between higher education institutions in the United States and developing countries. The COE for Energy will strengthen the capacity of Egyptian universities to respond to changing public and private sector needs for applied research and skilled graduates in the energy sector. As the Government of Egypt (GOE) body responsible for funding, overseeing, regulating, and accrediting higher education efforts in Egypt and ensuring the quality of higher education nationwide, MOHESR seeks through this activity to build upon ongoing USG-supported efforts to strengthen higher education access and quality in key technical fields.

The main activities implemented and results achieved, to date, under COE-E are summarized below:

### MAIN ACTIVITIES

1. Strengthen the capacity of universities to deliver relevant, innovative, and commercialized research to meet the needs of the public and private sectors;
2. Improve the relevance and quality of curricula and strengthen use of effective teaching methods;
3. Establish strong undergraduate student, postgraduate and faculty exchange programs, especially for women and persons with disabilities, and for financially needy students; and,
4. Foster collaboration between universities and public and private stakeholders to strengthen linkages between supply and demand for research, policy engagement and skilled graduates.

### Results

- High quality, relevant academic programs that produce graduates that meet public and private sector employment needs in the energy sector.
- Sustainable governance structures for improved capacity, institutionalization, and sustainability of the COE/E.
- Improved curriculum and better teaching and establishing new/develop energy undergraduate degrees at the partner universities to improve the applied skills of the next

generation of Egyptian engineers and align the Egyptian educational experience with the energy sector .

- Applied research that meets client (industry, community, government) needs and addresses the challenges of the Energy Sector.
- New partnerships that link tertiary institutions to the public and private sectors to solve Egypt's development challenges in the Energy Sector.
- Increased number of projects that provide clear pathways for commercialization of advanced energy research.
- Increased participation of female and disabled students and faculty in international research focused on scientific and technological challenges and evidence-based policy and decision-making.
- Newly created jobs, products, and services, including patents or copyrights deriving from research activities that solve existing and future energy challenges.
- An internationally recognized, tested, proven and replicable model that effectively strengthens the quality and relevance of higher education in response to public and private sector needs that creates skilled researchers and professionals in the energy sector.

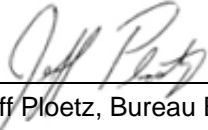
### 3.0 CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

- All other aspects of the project design/activities and geographic scope remain unchanged from previous environmental analyses.
- No construction or renovation works have been carried out under the COE-Energy activity.
- Annual Work Plan(s) has/have been verified to undertake only those activities originally proposed, and all reporting requirements have been adhered to and remain unchanged. This project is in compliance.

### 4.0 REVISIONS

Per 22 CFR 216.3(a)(9), when ongoing programs are revised to incorporate a change in scope or nature, a determination will be made as to whether such change may have an environmental impact not previously assessed. If so, this environmental analysis will be amended to cover the changes. Per ADS 204, it is the responsibility of the USAID AOR to keep the MEO/REA and BEO informed of any new information or changes in the activity that might require revision of this amendment and environmental determination.

**USAID APPROVAL OF RCE/IEE AMENDMENT****ACTIVITY NAME:** Center of Excellence for Energy**Bureau Tracking ID:** ME 22-02

<b>Approval:</b>	MKS Margret Sancho, Deputy Mission Director	11/4/2021 Date
<b>Clearance:</b>	RSP clear 10/31/2021 Robert Powers, Office Director for Office of Education and Health	Date
<b>Clearance:</b>	SSaada Soad Saada, Mission Environmental Officer	11/1/2021 Date
<b>Clearance:</b>	CJF - Cleared by email Christopher Frey, Regional Environmental Advisor	1-Nov-21 Date
<b>Concurrence:</b>	 Jeff Ploetz, Bureau Environmental Officer	11-Nov-21 Date

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